

is beginning work at Old Fort, working toward Ridgecrest with a steam shovel outfit, also at Greenlee, with teams, road machines, etc., working toward Old Fort. Our first plan was to gravel the road from Greenlee to Old Fort. After our bids were all received we found we could not gravel any of the road and grade the road to Ridgecrest, so we decided to eliminate the gravel in order to get the road graded through the township. This plan met the approval of those who were objecting to the graveling before the grading was done to Ridgecrest. After this plan was agreed upon it was not necessary to call a meeting of the citizens, as Dr. Pratt suggested when he was here. The bridges along the line are being built. The road from Greenlee to Old Fort follows the old road most of the way, with bridges at Greenlee and Curtis Creek. There are no changes through the J. B. Burgin farm, except widening the road at a few places.

I am writing Dr. Pratt in regard to our plans.

Mamie joins me in sending our regards to you and your family.

Yours very truly,

P. H. MASHBURN,
Chairman.

OLD FORT, N. C., September 11, 1913.

At a special meeting of the Highway Commissioners of Old Fort Township, McDowell County, North Carolina, the following resolutions were adopted:

In the matter of Federal aid for post road improvement it is hereby ordered that the road from Marion Township line at Greenlee Station via Old Fort, Round Knob and Koonce's Gap to the Buncombe County line, be hereby designated as the road to be improved.

In the event that the joint fund will not be sufficient to complete the grade and surface the entire distance designated, it is the desire of the Highway Commissioners that the portion of the route from Marion Township line at Greenlee Station to Old Fort be graded and surfaced with either sand-clay or gravel, and that the remainder of the joint fund, after deducting for this work, be expended in grading and draining the section from Old Fort to the Buncombe County line.

It is further ordered, that, upon the final approval of this project, the sum of twenty thousand (\$20,000) dollars the proceeds of a recent bond issue, be set aside for this improvement, to be deposited to the order of the Secretary of Agriculture and to be expended under the provisions of the act making appropriations for the service of the Postoffice Department for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1913.

Inasmuch as the Highway Commissioners have delayed the sale of the bonds until definite information could be obtained regarding the approval of this project, it is further ordered that, in the event the local guarantee is required before funds have been realized from the sale of the said bonds, the Highway Commissioners arrange to borrow the amount of the local guarantee from the banks of said county as an advance on the sale of the bonds.

(Signed) P. H. MASHBURN,
Chairman,

Attest:

F. M. BRADLEY,
Secretary.